

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7033

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mickey Blazer on being named
2023 Retailer of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those individuals whose vision, ambition, and work ethic are driving forces behind the success of local economies and the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Mickey Blazer, who was recently named 2023 Retailer of the Year by the Tennessee Grocers and Convenience Store Association (TGCSA), a most befitting honor that recognizes his important contributions to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, TGCSA, a Nashville-based trade organization, represents the interests of the Tennessee food market; through its annual Retailer of the Year award, TGCSA recognizes an outstanding Tennessee retailer who exemplifies the high standards of integrity and efficiency upon which the organization was founded; and

WHEREAS, a native of Parrottsville and a Parrottsville High School alumnus, Mr. Blazer is the executive vice president of pharmacy, fuel, and convenience for Food City's retail grocery chain; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Food City team in 1977 and served in numerous management roles throughout the company; in 2017, he was promoted to his current position, in which capacity he is responsible for the oversight of fuel and pharmacy operations for Food City's 150 retail locations, which includes 119 pharmacies, 116 fuel centers, and five convenience stores; and

WHEREAS, Mickey Blazer has served his community as a member and past president of the local Optimist Club, past president of the Morristown Plaza Merchants Association, and

past chairman of the TGCSA Golf Tournament, the proceeds of which fund college scholarships; he also served as the 2014 chair for the Tri-Cities Diabetes Step-Out Walk; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the Governor of Virginia's Prescription Drug and Heroin Task Force and as chairman of the Topco Managed Care Review Committee, and he currently serves on the TGCSA Board of Directors and chairs the Food Industry Association's pharmacy subgroup; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Blazer has been named to the Tennessee Grocers "Hall of Eagles," honored with the Celebrating Success Award by the Cocke County Education Foundation, and named A Leader that Makes a Difference by *DrugStore Management* magazine; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Mickey Blazer has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Susan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blazer has devoted his career to providing superior service and improving the economic well-being of his fellow Tennesseans, and it is most fitting that he be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mickey Blazer upon being named 2023 Retailer of the Year by the Tennessee Grocers and Convenience Store Association, extending our best wishes for his continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.